

COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION PROGRAM (CAP) FOR MEDICARE PART B DRUGS

CAP PHYSICIAN ELECTION AGREEMENT (Under Section 1847B of the Social Security Act)

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Please type or print all information

1. Participating CAP Physician's Legal Business Name as reported to the IRS _____ _____	2. Correspondence Information (Mailing address and telephone number where the participating CAP physician(s) from Block 1 can be contacted directly) _____ _____ _____ Telephone (_____) _____
3. Participating CAP Physician 's or Supplier's Identification Number or NPI (when effective) _____	4. Election/Renewal Information (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> New CAP Election <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing election; same approved CAP vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Election; changing approved CAP vendor <input type="checkbox"/> Terminating CAP Election
5. Unique Provider ID or NPI (when effective) _____	
6. Select one Vendor: _____	

I. Meaning of Election

If a physician group practice using a group billing number elects to participate in the CAP, all physicians in the group elect to participate in the CAP when billing under the group billing number. A physician or other authorized representative for the practice may complete this form. Each member of a practice is not required to complete a separate form.

If your practice submits claims to more than one carrier, fully complete and submit a separate election form to each carrier that processes claims for your practice.

For purposes of this agreement, election to participate in the CAP means that the participating CAP physician will obtain all CAP drugs and biologicals in selected categories from one approved CAP vendor in the participating CAP physician's competitive acquisition area for one year. The participating CAP physician will select the categories of drugs and biologicals and the approved CAP vendor at the time of election or when renewing the election. For 2006, there is one drug category and one geographic area.

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II. Term and Termination of Agreement

The CAP will begin in 2006. The election period will occur prior to the start of the calendar year. The term of election will run from January 1 to December 31, and may be renewed on an annual basis. The participating CAP physician may select an approved CAP vendor outside the annual election process when the approved CAP vendor ceases to participate in the CAP, the participating CAP physician relocates to another competitive area, the physician leaves a group practice participating in the CAP, or in other exigent circumstances as defined by CMS.

Physicians that are new to Medicare may elect to participate within 90 days of their provider number activation. In such cases, the agreement shall continue through December 31 of the calendar year.

A physician's participation in the CAP may be suspended or terminated by CMS for the remainder of the election period if the participating CAP physician fails to comply with this agreement.

III. Prescription Order, Claim Submission and Collection of Payments

Drugs in the relevant CAP category will be supplied directly to the participating CAP physician by the approved CAP vendor. CAP prescription orders may be initiated by a telephone call, but must be confirmed in writing as stated in 42 CFR § 414.908(a)(3)(iii). The approved CAP vendor will file claims for drugs furnished to the participating CAP physician under this agreement. The approved CAP vendor will collect the coinsurance and deductible amounts from Medicare beneficiaries to whom the product is administered after drug administration is verified. Payment for the drug and the coinsurance amount will be calculated from the quantity of the drug that is administered.

Participating CAP physicians will submit claims with required documentation for drug administration services to their local carrier within 14 calendar days of the administration of the CAP drug. Participating CAP physicians will furnish the approved CAP vendor with the beneficiary's supplemental insurance information, as well as the other information contained in 42 CFR § 414.908 (a) (3) (v) at the time a CAP drug order is placed with the approved CAP vendor.

IV. Agreement to File Claims and Pursue Appeals

Participating CAP physicians agree to file claims for drug administration services with the local carrier within 14 calendar days of the date of drug administration. Physicians who do not participate in Medicare but who elect to participate in the CAP must agree to accept assignment for CAP drug administration claims. In order to appeal a denied CAP claim, participating CAP physicians agree to follow the Medicare Part B administrative appeals process found at 42 CFR § 405.801 et seq., and to submit all required documentation (such as medical records and a certification) necessary to support payment. Participating CAP physicians understand the importance of adherence to the technical and substantive aspects of these requirements inasmuch as the approved CAP vendor's drug claim is paid only upon payment of the participating CAP physician's administration claim. Participating CAP physicians further understand that CMS may suspend or terminate this agreement if the participating CAP physician fails to submit claims that include all required documentation necessary to support payment, and/or if the participating CAP physician fails to appeal denied claims with supporting documentation. Participating CAP physicians agree that the decision made pursuant to the CMS reconsideration process presented at 42 CFR §414.916 constitutes a final decision that is fully binding on the physician and not subject to further appeal.

The participating CAP physician must reasonably cooperate with the approved CAP vendor if the vendor chooses to appeal the local carrier's denial. Reasonable cooperation may include providing the approved CAP vendor with access to or copies of medical records, as appropriate and written statements.

V. Medical Review

Participating CAP physicians agree that the physician's local Medicare carrier will adjudicate CAP drug administration claims by checking that the participating CAP physician has elected to participate in the CAP, is billing for appropriate drugs from the selected approved CAP vendor, and that the claim is compliant with all local coverage determinations (LCDs).

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VI. Drug Replacement and “Furnish as Written” Drugs

Drug replacement may be necessary in situations where a participating CAP physician uses a drug from his or her own office inventory to serve a Medicare beneficiary in need of the drug on short notice. Participating CAP physicians agree that a claim for administration of a drug that is being replaced through the CAP must be coded with the designated restocking modifier. By including the modifier, the participating CAP physician certifies the following:

- (1) The drugs were required immediately;
- (2) The participating CAP physician could not have anticipated the need for the drugs;
- (3) The approved CAP vendor could not have delivered the drugs in a timely manner;
- (4) The drugs were administered in an emergency situation;
- (5) The participating CAP physician is maintaining documentation to validate the information in 1-4; and
- (6) The participating CAP physician will provide this documentation to the local carrier upon request.

There may be instances where medical necessity requires that a specific formulation of a drug be furnished to the patient. In cases where the approved CAP vendor has not been contracted to furnish that specific formulation as defined by the product's NDC number, and the specified product is medically necessary, the participating CAP physician could purchase that product for the beneficiary from a source other than an approved CAP vendor and bill Medicare for it using the ASP methodology. The participating CAP physician agrees that a claim for “furnish as written” drugs will be paid only if the claim is coded with the designated “furnish as written” modifier and passes the medical review process. By including the modifier, the participating CAP physician certifies:

- (1) A specific drug was medically necessary;
- (2) The selected approved CAP vendor could not provide that specific brand and/or NDC; and
- (3) Documentation to validate the information in 1-2 is being maintained by the participating CAP physician and will be provided upon the local carrier's request.

VII. Fraud

The participating CAP physician agrees to the following: In accordance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, any omission, misrepresentation, or falsification of any information contained in this application or contained in any communication supplying information to CMS to complete or verify this application may be punishable by criminal, civil, or other administrative actions including revocation of approval, fines, and/or imprisonment under Federal law.

VIII. Other Conditions of the CAP

The participating CAP physician must:

- Submit a written order for the drug with complete patient information consistent with 42 CFR §414.908 (a)(3)(iii), and (v).
- Notify the approved CAP vendor when a drug is not administered, or a smaller amount is administered, and reach agreement with the vendor how to handle the unused drug consistent with 42 CFR §414.908(a)(3)(vi).
- Maintain a separate electronic or paper inventory for each drug obtained consistent with 42 CFR §414.908(a)(3)(vii).
- Agree not to transport CAP drugs from one place of service to another consistent with 42 CFR §414.908(a)(3)(x).
- Agree to provide the CMS developed CAP fact sheet to beneficiaries consistent with 42 CFR § 414.908(a)(3)(xi).
- Obtain drugs newly added to the CAP from the approved CAP vendor rather than bill for them under ASP + 6 methodology. In certain situations, for example if a drug has been recently introduced to the market, CMS will consider an approved CAP vendor's request to supply a drug not previously supplied under the CAP. If changes to the CAP drug list are approved, updates to the CAP drug list and physician notification regarding updates will occur on a quarterly basis. Physicians will then be required to obtain drugs new to the CAP from the approved CAP vendor rather than bill for them under the ASP + 6 methodology.

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The participating CAP physician understands that beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan may not receive those drugs through the CAP.

A participating CAP physician may not assign or transfer to another physician, practitioner, or group practice, their rights or obligations under this agreement.

The participating CAP physician agrees to cooperate fully with CMS, its contractors, and its agents in coordinating the activities of the CAP and to resolve promptly issues or questions identified by CMS, its contractors, or its agents.

Election Form Submission:

For successful completion of the CAP election process, the electing physician or authorized representative must SIGN and MAIL a copy of this election form to each carrier which receives part B claims from the practice location(s).

Election Form Definitions:

Authorized representative—An appointed official to whom the participating CAP physician has granted legal authority to elect CAP, and to commit the participating CAP physician to fully abide by the laws and program instructions.

Legal business name—The name that is reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax reporting purposes and specified in Box 1 of this agreement.

Participating CAP Physician—The physician, or in the case of a physician group practice that bills under a group billing number, each physician in the physician group practice when billing under the group's billing number, that is electing to have an approved CAP vendor furnish Medicare Part B drugs and biologicals to Medicare beneficiaries under conditions described by the CAP Physician Election Agreement. If a physician group practice elects to have drugs furnished by CAP, all physicians in that group are covered by the CAP Physician Election Agreement when billing under the group's billing number.

Authorized Signature:

The participating CAP physician identified above hereby elects to participate in the CAP for Medicare Part B Selected Drugs and Biological Categories and to comply with items I through VIII above. If a physician group practice using a group billing number elects to participate in the CAP, all physicians in the group elect to participate in the CAP when billing under the group's billing number.

8. Type Name and Title of Authorized Representative	9. Authorized Representative's Telephone Number
10. Authorized Representative's Signature	11. Date

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For each location from which the physician participant submits Medicare Part B claims, list all names and identification codes under which the physician participant files claims. This form may be used by an individual physician or by a group practice. Use copies of this form if additional space is needed to list all PIN, UPIN, or NPI numbers. Fully complete and submit a separate election form to each carrier that processes claims for your practice.

Participating CAP Physician’s Legal Business Name from Block 1 of this election form.

Check the box below if the following applies to the practice location listed on this page:
[] The practice using the addresses below is a group practice.

Practice Address: If additional practice sites exist, use copies of this sheet to list the additional practice addresses and physicians who practice at that location. Note that CAP drugs may not be transported to other practice locations or places of service. CAP drugs must be shipped to the practice address where they will be administered.

Indicate the total number of practice sites included in this election:

Carrier Name and Address:

Participating CAP Physician Name	Physician PIN Number	Physician UPIN Number	Physician NPI (when available)

[] Check this box if additional pages are being submitted to list physicians using the practice address on this page.